

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for monitoring the distribution channel of a pharmaceutical drug, comprising the steps of:

placing a radio frequency tag on a quantity of a pharmaceutical drug that is to be shipped to a third party;

saving the pharmaceutical drug's quantity on a database along with the radio frequency tag's identification value that corresponds to the drug;

creating an electronic pedigree on the database that will correspond to the radio frequency tag's identification value;

loading the pedigree to a website, wherein the website will store the pedigree for third party viewing;

providing the third party with an alias and an access code to the website so that the third party can monitor the pedigree of the drug that is to be received; and

shipping the pharmaceutical drug to the third party.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the shipper is the proprietor of the website.

3. The method of claim 2, comprising the step of giving an alias and an access code to a monitoring agency of the pharmaceutical drug shipped, wherein the access code will allow the agency to see the pedigree of the drug.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the alias and access code given to the monitoring agency shall be the same for all the pharmaceutical drugs shipped by the shipper, this

allows the monitoring agency to view all of the drugs shipped by the shipper at any given time.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein an independent party is the proprietor of the website.

6. The method of claim 5, comprising the step of the independent party giving an alias and an access code to a monitoring agency of the pharmaceutical drug, wherein the access code will allow the agency to see the pedigree of the drug.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the alias and access code given to the monitoring agency shall be the same for all the pharmaceutical drugs shipped by the shipper, this allows the monitoring agency to view all of the drugs shipped by the shipper at any given time.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein a monitoring agency of the pharmaceutical drug is the proprietor of the website.